State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session 2001

CHAPTER 262

HOUSE BILL 2338

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-603, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES.

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 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 41-603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

41-603. Powers and duties

- A. The department may act as guardian of an incapacitated veteran, the incapacitated spouse of an incapacitated veteran or minor children of a veteran, or as conservator of the estate of a protected veteran or of the veteran's incapacitated or surviving spouse or of the minor children of a veteran.
 - B. The department shall:
- 1. Assist veterans and their families and dependents in presenting, providing and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under federal, state or local law.
- 2. Inform veterans and their families and dependents and military and civilian authorities about federal, state and local laws enacted to benefit veterans and their families and dependents and members of the armed forces.
- 3. Collect information relating to services and facilities available to veterans.
- 4. Cooperate with all government and private agencies receiving services for or benefits to veterans and their families and dependents.
- 5. Conduct administrative reviews and, if possible, correct abuses or prevent exploitation of veterans and their families or dependents and recommend corrective legislation.
 - 6. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this article.
- 7. Enter into agreements with veterans' organizations in this state holding a charter granted by the Congress of the United States for the beneficial interest of veterans.
- 8. Determine eligibility for special license plates issued pursuant to section 28-2455.
- 9. Evaluate, supervise, approve and disapprove programs offered by educational institutions and training establishments pursuant to United States Code titles 10 and 38 and state rules, so that veterans and their dependents may draw the educational allowance provided by federal law while pursuing approved programs.
- 10. Register veterans' organizations seeking to solicit money or other support in this state in the name of American veterans.
- C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR AND CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A VETERANS' HOME FACILITY IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA.

Sec. 2. Appropriation; purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2001-2002 to the department of veterans' services to begin negotiations with the federal government for the southern Arizona veterans' home facility to be located on the campus of the veterans' administration medical center in Tucson, Arizona.
- B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Passed the House <u>February</u> 28, 2001,	Passed the Senate April 23 , 2001.
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